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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Naval Commission appointed by Secretary Whitney issued its report on the 1st. The report was devoted to the description of vessels the country was thought to be most in need of.

EX-MINISTER KASSON has had several conferences recently with Secretary of State Bayard. Mr. Kasson is firmly of the opinion that Bismarck is laying his plans for the German acquisition of Cuba.

The Imperial Ottoman Legation at Washington attributed the report cabled from Constantinople to the effect that the Sultan was believed to be becoming demoralized "to the malice of the enemies of Turkey," and emphatically denied that there was any truth in it.

It was reported at Washington as an indication of reviving business, that a large and increasing demand existed for small coin.

The President has recognized Julio Gonzales as Consul General of the United States of Venezuela at Washington and Adolph Bassiere as Consular Agent of France at Louisville, Ky.

A MEETING of the Cabinet was held at Washington on the 6th. Among the questions considered was the Spanish commercial treaty and several appointments under the Treasury, Interior and Justice Departments.

F. A. THIBLE, Governor of Arizona, has sent his resignation to Washington.

THE EAST.

CHARLES POLLIN BRAINER, the Boston lawyer who mysteriously disappeared nearly a year ago, and who was believed to have committed suicide, returned home the other day. He was stricken with pneumonia in Washington, and when he recovered his reason he found himself in the City of Mexico.

A FIRE broke out the other night in Taylor's machine shop at Jersey City, N. J., and communicated to N. and S. E. O'Connell & Co.'s coverage warehouse, Gookey's dry dock and Jones & Whitmore's dry dock. The loss reached \$100,000.

An important suit between Colonel H. B. Evers, of London, England, and Thomas Watson, of Chicago, involving the ownership of a large body of land, was finally disposed of in the United States District Court at Oxford, Mass., by the decree of Judge Hill, in which all the lands are awarded to Colonel Evers and associates.

Mrs. DRYCE, who murdered her husband with the aid of her son, daughter and nephew, in Warren, Herkimer County, N. Y., last December, and cut up and burned the remains, was sentenced by Judge Williams to be executed.

THE NEW YORK DAILY COMMERCIAL BULLETIN estimates the fire loss of the United States and Canada for September at \$6,255,000, which is less by \$3,700,000 than in September, 1884.

A LARGE meeting of Irish-American Nationalists was held in New York recently, and appointed representatives to aid Parnell in the pending elections in the United Kingdom.

SEVEN HUNDRED glass blowers, of Philadelphia, Pa., went on a strike on the 6th.

CARDINAL McCLOSKEY was reported seriously sick at New York on the 6th.

A TRAIN on the Pennsylvania Railroad was robbed by four men near Allegheny Furnace recently. After robbing the passengers they assaulted the conductor and jumped off, escaping to the woods.

A DISPATCH from Woods' Run, Pa., says: Work was resumed to-day in five coal mines in the third pool at the advance demanded by the strikers. Several other pits are preparing to start up in a few days.

EX-GOVERNOR TALBOT, of Massachusetts, died at his home in Lowell on the 5th.

EX-GOVERNOR JAMES E. ENGLISH, of Connecticut, was married recently to Miss A. R. Morris, of Brooklyn. He is seventy-three and she a bright brunette of about thirty years.

THE manufacturers of flint glass in Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston, New Bedford, Meriden and New York met recently and unanimously determined to refuse the demands made by employees for increased wages and decreased output.

F. O. PRINCE, of Boston, was nominated for Governor by the Massachusetts Democrats recently. The other nominations were: Lieutenant Governor, H. H. Gilmore, of Cambridge; Secretary of State, Jeremiah Crowley, of Lowell; Attorney General, Henry N. Braley, of Fall River; Treasurer and Receiver General, Henry M. Cross, of Newburyport; Auditor, James E. Delaney, of Holyoke.

JAY GOULD, Russell Sage, George J. Gould, A. L. Hopkins and Captain Shackford left New York on the 5th for a trip over the Missouri Pacific and other Southwestern railroads with which they are identified. The object of the trip was to inspect the Southwestern system.

Two cases of small-pox were discovered at Newport, R. I., on the 8th. Stringent measures were being taken to prevent the disease from spreading.

THE WEST.

THE other night some drunken tramps fired the cattle sheds at the fair grounds at Fort Wayne, Ind. An unknown tramp was burned to death, and another giving the name of Griffin, was rescued horribly burned.

COLONEL CUNDIFF, business manager of the Missouri Republican, died at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 4th.

THE seventh annual parade of the Veiled Prophets took place in St. Louis on the night of the 6th. It consisted of twenty-two floats, representing a dozen of the Arabian Nights' stories.

W. S. HUBBELL, a well to do and prominent farmer living thirteen miles east of Bismarck, D. T., was killed recently by a runaway team. The blade of the plow to which the horses were hitched penetrated his chest.

THE St. Louis street car drivers struck on the afternoon of the 6th.

R. C. BLOOMFIELD was convicted at Denver recently of fraudulently procuring pre-emption claims. He was agent of the Arkansas Valley Land and Cattle Company, composed principally of Englishmen.

THE schooner Anna Tomine from Muskegon for Chicago, loaded with lumber, got waterlogged and capsized the other morning about five miles west of Grand Haven. The crew of six men were saved by the lifesaving crew.

THE citizens of Tombstone, Ariz., offer \$250 each for Apache scalps.

EX-SENATOR THURMAN recently addressed a large meeting at Toledo, O. His remarks were chiefly directed to a refutation of Sherman's allegation that colored men were maltreated in the South.

THE jury at Bloomington, Ind., in the case of Chesley Chambers, charged with shooting the baggage and express messenger and robbing the express company, was discharged. Six were for acquittal and six for fourteen years' imprisonment.

THE street car strikers at St. Louis, on the 7th, got somewhat unruly. Five of the new drivers were dragged from cars and assaulted, and several arrests followed.

THE United States grand jury at Tucson, Ariz., presented indictments against J. A. Zembriski, United States District Attorney; Royal A. Johnson, United States Surveyor General; T. M. Wolfley, Deputy United States Surveyor; all under the civil service act for political contributions in the last campaign.

THERE was great excitement at Rock Springs, Wyo., over the release of the alleged rioters. The accused were met on their return from Green River by several hundred men, women and children, and treated to a regular ovation.

AN attempt to wreck a passenger train was made recently between Roxbank and Huntington, Ind., on the Air-Line Road, by placing ties on the track. The engineer saw the obstruction in time and saved the train.

At a meeting of the Northwestern, Pacific Coast & Western Freight Association, held at Chicago recently, it was decided to abolish the rates on double decked sheep cars. Heretofore there has been nearly a prohibitory rate, but now the double decked cars will be abolished altogether.

JOHN LITTLE, ex-Postmaster at Bennington, Vt., who absconded in March, 1884, was arrested recently on a sheep ranch where he was working, about twenty-five miles southeast of Greeley, Colorado. His shortage was \$500.

THE American Free Trade League has issued a circular inviting the attendance of persons of all political parties who believe in tariff revision at a national conference to be held in Chicago November 11 and 12.

THE findings of the ecclesiastical court of inquiry in the case of the Rev. H. D. Jardine, of Kansas City, were made public on the 8th. He was found guilty of indecent conduct and Bishop Robertson was recommended to inhibit him from officiating any further in St. Mary's Church.

PHILIP SMITH, machinist and foundryman at Sidney, O., has made an assignment. His liabilities are \$200,000; his assets unknown.

ABOUT six hundred coopers employed at the Armour and Fowler packing houses, Chicago, went out on a strike recently for an advance in wages from \$2.75 to \$3 a day.

THE ravages of cholera among the hogs in the country near Yankton, D. T., are becoming alarming. With but few exceptions all the farmers have lost half of their hogs.

FIVE white men and two Indians, who made a murderous attack upon Chinese hop pickers in the Squaw Valley near Seattle, W. T., two weeks ago and killed two of the number, have been indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree.

THE large printing establishment of Crocker & Co., San Francisco, together with other buildings, was destroyed by fire recently. Loss, \$55,000; insurance, \$50,000. Four firemen were buried in a fall of the ruins; two were killed and two seriously injured.

THE Chicago Salvationists, convicted recently of disturbing the peace, appealed to a higher court, where the cases were dismissed after the appellants had been admonished by the Judge.

THE SOUTH.

A LITTLE girl named Mary Misner, at Sherman, Tex., was teasing a performing bear recently, when the animal broke its chain and fatally mauled her.

SIXTY convicts working on the Kansas & Gulf Short Line, near Lufkin, Tex., recently made a desperate attempt to escape. The guards fired on them as they started for the woods in a body, killing and wounding twenty-five of the number. The remainder got away, but were being vigorously pursued. All were desperate characters.

THE alleged outbreak of sixty convicts at Lufkin, Tex., was greatly exaggerated. Only fifteen had the courage to break through the lines and run. One of the latter was instantly killed; seven were severely wounded and seven escaped.

THE youth who robbed the stages near Cisco and Abilene, Tex., was arrested at El Paso and confessed the crimes. He gave the name of Jesse Jones, and said his parents were wealthy people of Eastern Texas.

THE Board of Management of the exposition at New Orleans have added to their list of special days an "American Silver Congress," assigning it to December 11 and 12, the two days following the "American Bankers' Congress."

TWENTY-two of the accomplices in the lynching of Culbreath, in Edgefield County, S. C., have been lodged in jail. The other three were detained temporarily by sickness.

GENERAL LOGAN was banqueted by the "Logan Invincibles" at Baltimore on the evening of the 8th.

GENERAL.

THE English War Office has issued the report of Colonel Ketchner on the fall of Khartoum. The Arabs, the Colonel says, entered the city by the Boori gate which was not defended. He acquits Faraz of treachery. Faraz was charged with having allowed the Mahdi's troops to enter the city.

THE fund for the benefit of James Stephens, the ex-Fenian head center, amounts to only £1,600 and his friends are greatly disappointed at the meagerness of the subscriptions.

In Palermo (Sicily) 146 new cases of cholera, and seventy deaths were reported on the 4th. In Parma nineteen new cases and nine deaths were reported, and in other places in Italy twelve new cases and five deaths.

THE Gaulois, of Paris, illuminated its building because of the Conservative gains in France. A mob gathered and broke the windows. Much excitement followed, and Meyer, the editor, was somewhat ill-used when he attempted to leave the building.

GENERAL JAMAIS' division of the French army in Annam is preparing to occupy Tonkin. The Black Flags have been reorganized under a Chinese General.

AN attempt was made the other night to blow up with dynamite a Czechian club house in Duc, a town in Bohemia. Fortunately no one was injured. A bad feeling was reported as existing between Germans and Czechs.

It was thought the Conservative or monarchial successes in the recent French elections would lead to the expulsion of the Orleanist Princes. Further disorders occurred in Paris, mobs parading and threatening the Gaulois newspaper office.

SMALL-POX was reported in several of the towns of Ontario. The Salvation Army was charged with spreading the contagion by persisting in visiting those afflicted.

M. SULLIKER, a defeated candidate for the Chamber of Deputies, has written a letter to the American Consul at Paris requesting a certificate of citizenship of the United States. He says he is sick of serving his ungrateful country.

KING MILAN, of Serbia, in a speech delivered in the Skupstina on the 7th, declared that he had fully determined to fight unless Serbia's demand for an extension of the boundaries over an area equal to that acquired by Bulgaria in its union with Eastern Roumelia were granted.

A DISPATCH from Berlin of the 7th says: Germany has dispatched a note to the Court of Spain rejecting Spain's claims to the Carolines.

ONE of Houston's bullion trains was recently attacked by robbers while en route from the Sierra Mojada mines to Parral, a station on the Mexican Central Railway. It was reported that four of the escort were killed.

AN unofficial report has reached the United States Minister at Lisbon that fifty American Methodist missionaries—men, women and children—under the care of a Bishop, recently landed on the west coast of Africa, and were in an utterly destitute condition. A tract of land was granted them on which to make a permanent settlement.

THE returns issued by the English Board of Trade show that the imports during the month of September decreased £2,200,000 and the exports £1,880,000 as compared with September, 1884.

THE trial of the Socialists, Vollmar, Bebel, Aufer, Deetz, Frohne, Viereck, Heinzel, Mueller and Ulrich, which began at Chemnitz, Germany, September 28, was concluded October 7, the prisoners being acquitted.

THE Secretary of the Knights of Labor reported an increase of 700 per cent. in the membership the past year.

AN extensive conflagration took place in Aldersgate street, London, on the morning of the 8th. The loss was estimated at over a million dollars.

A DISPATCH from Rome announces that the Very Rev. D. J. Quigley, Vicar General of the diocese of Charleston, S. C., has been appointed Domestic Prelate, with the title of Monsignor. This is the first priest in the South so honored.

THE funeral services over the body of the Earl of Shaftesbury were held in Westminster Abbey, London, on the 8th, and were attended by hundreds of poor people whom he had befriended.

THE fisheries of Labrador proved an almost complete failure this season. The Canadian Government dispatched a vessel loaded with provisions to relieve the necessities of the people, who were reported on the verge of starvation.

THE New Zealand Government has renewed the mail service between New Zealand and San Francisco. The Union Line steamers will carry the mails via Sydney and Auckland to Honolulu, and the Oceanic Line will carry them between Honolulu and San Francisco.

THE movement for annexation to the United States received fresh impetus recently in Cuba. Many prominent Spaniards favored the movement as the only way out of otherwise inextricable difficulties.

THE LATEST.

SERIOUS riots broke out in St. Louis on the 9th, occasioned by the street car strike. Large mobs of men surrounded various cars, overturning them into the gutters and beating the drivers and conductors and policemen guarding them. During one of these riots, Policeman Hannan shot a striker named Holvey through the head, killing him. A very bitter feeling was engendered in consequence and worse troubles were expected.

At the Luke Fidler breaker, Shamokin, Pa., recently, a Polish boy employed as a plate picker, missed his footing and fell headlong into a box in which were swiftly revolving a pair of "monkey" rollers. Before the machinery could be stopped his body was ground to pieces.

NEARLY full and official returns from the recent town meetings in Connecticut show that in 162 of the 167 towns, 79 are Republican, 55 Democratic and 28 equally divided. Last year the standing was almost exactly the same.

THE suit to test the validity of the Bell telephone patents at Washington was dismissed by Solicitor-General Goode on technicalities. Further attempts would be made, it was said, to break the telephone monopoly.

CARDINAL McCLOSKEY died at New York on the 10th, aged seventy-four. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 20, 1810.

HONORABLE BREEDERS of Bushnell, Ill., were considerably alarmed over the discovery that glanders exists in J. S. Truman's herd of range horses. Dr. Paaren, the State Veterinarian, examined the diseased animals and at once pronounced the malady glanders.

INSTRUCTIONS have been received by Dr. McKinney, Health Officer of Texas, from Governor Ireland, to discontinue the quarantine against Mexico.

CAPTAIN CLAIB, of Abilene, Tex., Manager of the Sansome Cattle Company, received information that Indians had stolen eighty head of horses from the company's ranch in New Mexico near the Arizona line.

THE ninth annual congress of the National Liberal League convened at the People's Theater, Cleveland, O., on the 9th. Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, the President, not being present, Charles Watts, of London, England, Vice President, occupied the chair.

THE postmasters at Graniteville and Sherley, small towns adjacent to Boston, Mass., have been recommended for removal for mailing matter at their office that should have been mailed at Boston. In the case of the Sherley postmaster it was alleged by the Inspector who investigated the matter that the postmaster paid thirty per cent. of the value of the stamps to persons who brought quantities of circulars to his office for mailing.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

THE Topeka daily papers were favored with lots of brass music during the reunion.

ERASTUS SCALES, one of the veterans who attended the reunion, was so severely injured by a Topeka street car that he died in a few hours. A collection was taken up among his comrades for the benefit of his family.

THE Prohibitionists of Douglas County have put a full ticket in the field for county officers.

IN the band contests during the reunion at Topeka the following awards were made: First class—two entries, Marshall's Military Band of Topeka, composed of 24 pieces, and the Dispatch Band of Clay Center, composed of 16 pieces; prize, \$200 and gold medal; won by Marshall's Military Band. Second class—two entries, Knights of Pythias Band of Emporia, and First Regiment Band of Lawrence; prize, \$150; won by the First Regiment Band. Third class—eight entries, Excelsior Band of Newton, I. O. O. F. Band of Peabody, Ringgold of Hutchinson, Pleasanton Band, Wamego Band, Parsons Band and Waterville Band; prize, \$125; won by Parsons Band. Fourth class—six entries, Manhattan Band, Oskaloosa band, Mechanic's Band, of Peabody, and the Juvenile Band, of Winfield; prize, \$100; won by the Mechanic's Band, of Peabody.

IN the drum corps contest the following awards were made: General class, eight entries—first prize, \$100; second, \$85; first, won by Fort Scott corps; second, by Washington G. A. R. Post No. 12, corps, of Lawrence. Sons of Veterans drum corps—three entries; prize, \$70; won by Mound City corps. Grand Army posts—three entries; first prize, \$100, won by McCallan Post No. 117; second, \$85, won by Abilene Post No. 63.

MICHAEL KREBS, of Junction City, was robbed of \$140 by confidence men on a Council Bluffs train at Kansas City the other day. It was the same old story. He met two respectable looking gentlemen at the Union Depot and one of them sat in the same seat with him when the train pulled out. One of the men asked if he had change for \$40. When he pulled out his roll one of the men snatched it and both jumped off the train.

THE packing house at Junction City was burned the other night. It was the work of an incendiary evidently. The fire had gained such headway before discovered that it was impossible to save any of the contents. There was an insurance of \$13,500 on the building, machinery and stock.

PATENTS lately issued to Kansas inventors: Myron Camp, Sedgwick, doorshield; James Costell, Blue Rapids, refrigerator; Peter Cook, Manhattan, car-axle bearing; Alfred Ross, Wichita, automatic blotter holder.

KANSAS post-masters recently appointed: Towanda, Andrew Swiggett; Oxford, Melvin Collins; Trenton, D. L. Stratton.

THE post-office at Garden City was burglarized the other night. The safe was blown open and all the money, registered letters and valuables taken. There were thirty-six money packages for the Government Land-office, containing large amounts. There was no clue to the burglars.

DURING the late reunion at Topeka many of the militia of 1864 were present. The Price Raid Veterans effected a temporary organization and adopted resolutions strongly urging the payment of Price raid claims remaining unsettled. The question of a reunion in the near future of all the old survivors of the Price raid was determined upon. Colonel G. W. Veale was elected President, and W. W. Climens Secretary of a permanent organization. Five Vice-Presidents were chosen to co-operate, consisting of the following gentlemen: W. P. Douthett, Colonel J. W. Brown, E. F. Simmons, of Douglas County; C. G. Howard, of Riley County, and John Armstrong, of Shawnee County.

IN the late trial of George Prickett, at Columbus, charged with the murder of Briggs at Galeana last November, the jury was out for four hours and returned with a verdict of murder in the second degree. QUAILS can only be killed lawfully during the months of November and December.

IT is stated that thirty counties in Kansas have nominated Prohibition tickets, and it is expected at least an equal number of Prohibition tickets will be chosen in additional counties.

THE Commissioner of Indian Affairs has notified Alexander Rankin, of Lawrence, that his license as post trader at the agency of the Seawee Indians will be revoked after January 1.

THE Presbyterian Synod lately in session at Topeka passed resolutions protesting against the illegal selling of liquor in the drug stores, and "we consider the druggist who takes advantage of the law in this respect as even more abandoned than the lowest saloon keeper. We also affirm that the business interests of the State are betrayed by the decrease of liquor saloons. We are receiving a better class of immigrants than formerly, many of whom say they have come to us because of our prohibition law." A resolution was also adopted that "to abate the evil growing out of the abuse of privileges for the sale of alcohol for medical and mechanical purposes, we suggest the practicability of placing the sale of liquors exclusively in the hands of salaried employees of the State."

DR. HOLCOMBE, State Veterinarian, reports that between thirty and forty counties in Kansas are now infected with hog cholera. The disease, he states, is rapidly spreading, causing the daily loss of thousands of swine. Some counties have reported a loss of \$40,000 from this disease alone. Dr. Holcombe combats the idea entertained by many that the malady is not cholera, but is some new and fatal disease. Vomiting or coughing are the first symptoms marking the first stages of this disease.

NEW counties are filling up. THE report that Mr. Scoville was killed by a street car at Topeka during the reunion proved to be untrue. His foot was so severely injured that amputation was necessary, but he was in a fair way to recover. A purse of between \$500 and \$600 was raised on the grounds and presented to him.

JOHN ANDERSON, janitor in the Leavenworth post-office, was recently arrested upon a charge of robbing the mails. Some of the property was found in his possession. He was taken before United States Commissioner Clough and bound over in the sum of \$5,000.

S. L. O'BERRY has been appointed Receiver of the land-office at Wichita.

CINCINNATI SOCIALISTS.

They Adopt a Platform Which Every One is Privileged to Read.

CINCINNATI, October 9.—The Socialist Labor party in session at Schaeffer's Hall yesterday adopted the following platform: "As work is the only creation of all wealth and civilization, in justice, therefore, those that do this work should enjoy its fruits; therefore we declare that a just and equitable distribution of the fruits of labor is impossible under the present system owing to the production by gigantic means. Since the introduction of machinery the requirement of which is impossible except to the few. These modern means of production benefit only one class of society. Where formerly a man worked for himself alone, there are hundreds and thousands who work in shops, factories and large farms. The result of their labors accrue only to the owners of the machinery, factories, mines and soil. This system destroys the middle class and creates two separate classes of individuals, the wage worker and the bosses. The evils that rise from the system are a planless system of general production, the destruction of natural and human forces, the continual necessity of the material existence of the wage workers, the suffering of the proletarian masses and the colossal accumulation of wealth in the hands of the few. These assertions are proven by the present condition of the wage workers, who in the midst of their productions live in poverty and dependence, while the hardest and most disagreeable work furnishes the wage worker only sustenance. Those who work but little or not at all live in affluence through these productions. Such a condition of affairs which must grow worse under the existing circumstances is against the interests of mankind and is antagonistic to all justice and true democracy. It destroys the very essence of our Constitution, which says that all shall enjoy life, liberty and the unrestricted pursuit of happiness. It shortens and threatens life by creating want and suffering. It destroys liberty by making the wage-worker dependent upon a boss, and also makes political freedom impossible. It checks the pursuit of happiness, and happiness is not obtainable where life and liberty are threatened. To change this state of affairs we seek to establish a system of co-operative production, and the distribution of its benefit according to the wants and work of the producers under the control of organized society. To overcome the continued oppression of the wage-worker by the capitalist, the socialist labor party is formed. We seek the practical realization of our demands by striving to gain possession of the political power through all practical means."

SCORCHING TWO CITIES.

A Disasterous Fire in London Which San Francisco Fires to Duplicate.

LONDON, October 8.—One of the most disastrous conflagrations that has occurred in this city in many years broke out at five o'clock this morning in the Charter House buildings, Aldersgate street, and is still burning, though partially under control. The fire spread with marvellous rapidity and in less than four hours after it had broken out thirteen of the eight-story houses comprising the property were destroyed. The buildings were occupied by stores, mostly fancy goods and toy emporiums. In one of the buildings destroyed was located a large printing establishment. Another of the buildings was occupied as a bank. Through the strenuous efforts of the firemen the structure was saved from total destruction. The firemen experienced great difficulty in throwing streams on the upper stories because of the lack of water pressure. Many of them had narrow escapes from death from falling walls, etc. The estimated loss will reach three million dollars.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., October 9.—The immense wholesale stationery and printing establishment of H. S. Crocker & Co., on Bush street, burned to the ground this morning. Four men were buried in the ruins. It is estimated that the loss on the building and the stock is about \$500,000. The first alarm was turned in at 2:10 a. m., but as the fire originated in the basement and was what is known as a "blind fire," the flames had already made considerable headway before the extent of the danger was known. In an incredibly short time the whole interior of the large five-story building seemed to be a mass of flames and all prospect of saving it or any of its contents was hopeless. The building was owned by Charles Crocker of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and was worth \$75,000, but was not insured. The loss of H. S. Crocker & Co. is \$400,000; insured for \$225,000. Schweitzer, Sachs & Co., jobbers of fancy goods, Sansome street, the rear of whose premises adjoined those of the Crockers, lost heavily from damages by water. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Four firemen were burned in the ruins but two have been rescued. One of them is in an unconscious state. The other two are undoubtedly dead. The names are Martin Hallin and Peter Healy.

PUGNACIOUS MAYORS.

The Old and the New Have a Bout in a Louisville Court Room.

LOUISVILLE, KY., October 9.—The Ordinance Court room was enlivened yesterday afternoon by a fist fight between ex-Mayor Charles D. Jacob upon P. Booker Reed, the Mayor. Both men were witnesses in an ordinance case. Mayor Reed had refused to pay an old contract let under Jacob's administration on the grounds that it was irregular and invalid. Referring to this Mr. Jacob said: "The contract was one that any honest man would pay, and on that no honest man would object to." This caused much excitement, and when Mr. Reed asked if he referred to him, Mr. Jacob said "yes," and brought his hand down on Reed's shoulder. He repeated the blow and they were separated. Mayor Jacob apologized to the court and was fined \$8. On the outside he again attempted to assault Mayor Reed, but was prevented. Mr. Jacob refused to recognize the authority of Chief of Police Whelan, who attempted to arrest him, but surrendered to the Marshal of the court. Both gentlemen have been taken in hand by friends, and doubtless there will be no further trouble.

Bogus Bonds.

WASHINGTON, October 9.—Major Dye, Chief of Police, to-day was handed a letter from Mr. Hutchinson, who is in the land business in Kansas City, stating that the writer had traded land for \$5,000 worth of seven per cent. District bonds, issued October 15, 1877, and made payable in July, 1892. They are signed "Lindley Murray, president, and E. T. Ferris, secretary." The writer said he would like to know their value. Major Dye has written a letter in reply stating that no such bonds have ever been issued by the District, and that they are fraudulent. He has also notified the Kansas City police, asking that they make an investigation.

THE ROCK SPRINGS RIOT.

Startling Evidence Before the Grand Jury.—The Chinese Said to Have Fired Their Own Houses.

GREEN RIVER, WYO., October 6.—Some testimony of a startling character was given to the grand jury yesterday calculated to throw new light on the transactions at Rock Springs during the riot there. The Rev. Timothy Thirlaway, the Congregational minister who resided at Rock Springs with his family during the riot, made a sworn statement, showing that the Chinese set fire to their own houses in order to prevent the white men from robbing them of their money, which was buried in the ground under their dwellings. Subsequent events have shown that this was the case, for as shown, as the Chinese returned to Rock Springs they commenced excavating under the ruins and in one instance over \$5,000 was found. Timothy Thirlaway being duly sworn made the following statement: "I am a minister of the gospel and was residing at Rock Springs on September 2 last on which day the riot occurred and was the vicinity of Chinatown on that day. I heard there was a large number of men moving around toward the north end of Chinatown with guns, clubs and other weapons. I stepped out of my house with my wife and saw the first two houses that were set on fire. While we were standing there I could see a number of white men on the north side of Chinatown and at the same time four Chinamen came out of a house in the southeast part, only a short distance from us. They were some two hundred yards from the white men. The four Chinamen had not moved more than twenty yards from the house with their bundles when someone called them back, and they remained in the house for two or three minutes before coming out again. In the meantime a volley was heard on the north side of Chinatown and almost instantly the Chinamen rushed out of the building. They had hardly left when we saw the building was on fire. No white men were to be seen near the house and it was apparent that the house was fired by the Chinamen themselves. My daughter, who talked with some of the Chinamen afterward, can tell you more about the object of the Chinamen in setting fire to their own houses. The two houses that were first burned belonged to the railroad company and were known as numbers 15 and 16. Among the Chinamen that came out of No. 16, the first house set on fire, I recognized Ah Quong." The statement of Miss Ellen Thirlaway was as follows: "I came to Rock Springs last December and have given instruction to the Chinese at my father's house in the evening. I think I had the confidence of the Chinese, who regarded us as their friends. Just as soon as they returned some of them came to see us and told us about their troubles. Ah Quong, who lived in the cellar of gang-house No. 16, which was the first house set on fire, told me that Chinaboy was scared, afraid American boys would get things, and so China boy set fire to the house. Low Ack-San, a nephew of Ah-Say, the Chinese interpreter, also told me the same facts about setting on fire the houses of other Chinamen and that they were afraid white men would find their money and for that reason the Chinese set fire to the houses."

LAND THIEVES.

Conviction of the Agent of an English Company—Fraudulent Work of Railroads.